

Remarks/Arguments:

This amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed March 31, 2004 in which Claims 1-22 are pending.

No claim is cancelled in this amendment.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC§112

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

In particular, the Examiner states that the directional contact arrangement with regard to the joy-dial in the original claims 1 and 20 is unclear. The Applicant agrees that the portion *"and wherein the joy-dial further includes a first and second directional contact, said first and second directional contacts being arranged so that they are closed upon movement of the joy-dial in a first or a second direction respectively"* of the claims is unclear and lacks relationship to the joy-dial. Accordingly, the Applicant has removed the above unclear portion from claims 1 and 20; and clarifies the operation of "a first and a second directional input" pertaining to the joy-dial by inserting "said first and second directional inputs being operable by applying a respective first and second rotational movement to the joy pad" as shown in marked claims 1 and 20. To further clarify the relationships between the elements of the joy-dial, the Applicant has removed the term "position" from claims 1 and 20.

Supports for the amendments made to claims 1 and 20 are found in the original specification, in particular, page 5 (lines 25-28) and page 7 (lines 10-20).

In response to the amendments made to claim 1, depending claims 2-7, 9, and 11 are also amended to clearly point out the claimed subject matter.

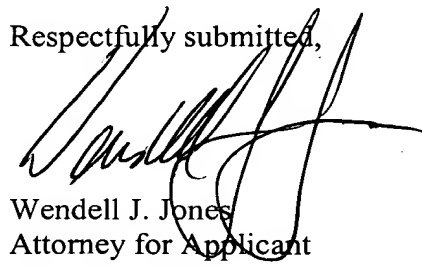
In response to the amendments made to claim 20, depending claims 21 and 22 are also amended to clearly point out the claimed subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-22 are now in a condition for allowance.

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